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An Exact and Faithful Account of the late

BLOODY ENGAGEMENT

BETWEEN

Captain Booth, Commander of the Adventure,

AND

HODGE ALLII Captain of the *Two Lions* and *Crown* of *Algier*, otherwise called *The Great Genoese*, a Ship of 40 Guns, 327 *Turks* and *Moors*, and 88 Christian Slaves on Board. On the 16*th.* and 17*th.* of *September*, 1681, as it was communicated from the said Captain to his Friend at *Cadiz*: And thence by Letter, of the 18*th.* of *October*, *New-Stile*, communicated to his Friend, In *LONDON*.

SIR,

THIS comes to give you an account of my good Fortune in taking of the Two Lyons and Crown of *Algier*, commonly known and called by the Name of *The Great Genoese*, being a Ship of Fourty and more Guns; at present mounted but with 36 and four Pederoes: having on Board 327 *Turkes* and *Moors*, and 88 Christian Slaves, Commanded by one *Hodge Alli* a *Dane* Renegado, born at *Copenhagen*, with a Relation of our whole Engagement.

Viz.

In Cruising alone between *Cape Spartel* and *Cape Trafeldegar*, with the Wind Easterly, on the 16th of *September*, about dawning of the day, we Chased a *Saitee* into *Barach*, which belonged to *France*. My Chasing the *Saitee* proved very lucky, for in standing off from the Land, gave me sight of this *Algerine*, which I have already mentioned to you above.

At my first giving him Chase, he had an English Pink in a Tow, which he immediately cut off, seeing me come so fast upon him, and notwithstanding my coming up with him so fast, he hoisted out his Boat, and took the *Turks* and *Moors* out of the said Pink, I being distant from him three Leagues, two *English* Slaves that were in the *Turks* Boat, got out of her into the Pink, and seeing the *Turks* in a great disorder, and fear upon them, they hid themselves in the Pinks Hold; by which means they made their escape, I coming within Call of the Pink, and seeing two *Englishmen* there, I gave them order to follow me, which they did for one hour and a half, then the Pink lay by, and I saw no more of her.

Betwixt one and two in the Afternoon, I came up along the *Algerines* Side, and after we had fired our great and small Shot into her, she being very nigh, I laid him on board before I fired another Gun, much to the *Turks* disadvantage, I being so far forward as his Bow, lying so till he shot my weather Brace off, of my Fore-yard, and Fore-top-Sail, he having the Wind upon the Quarter, forced me a head of him, but before he could get clear of me, I had time to cut away his Sprit-Sail-Yard, which fell under his Bow, and stopped his way, and I laid him on board the other Bow, but could not get cross his Harser, so as to hinder his Ships steeridge, although I laid him on board twice after.

I having by fortune a double proportion of Hand-Granadoes, threw them in amongst the *Turks*, which did them great damage, and gave us opportunity of killing them without small Shot.

His last time of cleering himself of me, I shot his Main-mast down, it being then about 6 in the Evening, notwithstanding the loss of his Main-mast, I found him make stout resistance, he working his Ship so well before the Wind, I could not board him, but to my disadvantage, we fighting still within Pistol Shot, till eight or nine in the Evening.

The *Algerine* having in this time so much disabled me in my Masts and Rigging, I was forced to fall a Stern to mend my Rigging, and bring new Top-Sails to my Yards.

The loss of my men was so considerable, that I was forced to new quarter them, not having one man left on my Quarter-Deck, saving one or two, but was killed or wounded, which gave the *Algerine* opportunity of bringing another Fore-Sail and Fore-top-Sail to his Yard, he firing most part of the time his Stern-Chase at me, until about twelve or one at night.

When I got up with him again, and continued fighting each other very close, but did not think fit to board them, by reason of my Mast being very much disabled, we fighting before the Wind, it continuing still Easterly.

About nine in the morning, having taken a man from each Gun below, where they could best spare them, to man those Guns on our Quarter-Deck, one of the Kings Cripples being Quartered there, to carry Powder for that place, having three Carteridges of Powder in his hand, went into the Round-House to secure himself from the Shot, we not knowing what was become of the man, till a great Shot from the Enemy came into the Round-House, and shot the three Carteridges of Powder which he had by him, which took fire, and blew him out of the Round-House upon our Quarter-Deck, and with him all our Granadoes, which were about seven or eight that were left, which Granadoes did kill and wound every man that was by me, I escaped very narrowly among the rest, being hurt in the Neck by one of the Granado Shells.

Immediately after the *Algerine*'s Fore-Mast went by the Board, I being so advantagiously placed on his Bow, that he immediately called for Quarter.

When we took Possession of our Prize, we found the Captain wounded, and five of his Under-Captains, he having in all seven, four of which being *Dutch* and *Hamborough* Renegadoes, the other being Nephew to *Baba Hassan* Governour of *Algier*, and an old Turk, called by the name of *Abram Rees*, who was formerly Admiral of *Algier*, and came that Voyage for his pleasure; the other a *Moor*.

The Christians tell me, the Ship had certainly yielded when she lost her Main-mast, had it not been for that old Commander, *Abram Rees*, he still encouraging the *Turks*, telling them of his former Success he hath had against the Christians, naming his fighting with 3 Dutchmen of War, and another time his fighting Sir *Richard Beach* in the *Hampshire*, with several other good Actions.

Not having men to officiate those works that were necessary to be done, as you may judge, when I had but 140 Men and Boys serviciable on Board when I began to engage, not having opportunity of manning my self since my engaging. The *Golden-Horse* was a great means I judge of my having so many men killed and wounded, which were in number, fifty five, of which twenty [one were killed out right, and several others mortally wounded, which we do not expect to live, among those killed, was the Minister, my Brother, a Voluntier, the Boat-Swain, the Chief-Mate, the Coxon.

My two other Voluntiers, *Mr. Row* was blown up, but I hope will do well, *Mr. Woolfran Cornwall* was shot in the Breast, and afterward shot through the upper part of his Body, but is still alive, and in a fair way of Recovery.

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